

Minutes

Emergency Committee Wednesday, 18th November, 2020

Attendance

Cllr Hossack (Chair)	Cllr Lewis
Cllr Parker (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Mynott
Cllr Aspinell	Cllr Nolan
Cllr Barrett	Cllr Mrs Pearson
Cllr Keeble	Cllr Poppy

Also Present

Cllr Ms Sanders

Officers Present

Greg Campbell	-	Director of Environment & Communities
Philip Drane	-	Director of Planning and Economy
Laurie Edmonds	-	Senior Economic Development Officer
Zoey Foakes	-	Governance & Member Support Officer
Amanda Julian	-	Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer
Rob Manser	-	Revenues and Benefits Manager
Jacqueline Van Mellaerts	-	Director of Corporate Resources
Jonathan Stephenson	-	Chief Executive
Steve Summers	-	Strategic Director (Deputy Chief Executive)

573. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies – all members were present.

574. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Emergency Committee meeting held on 5th June 2020 were signed as a true record.

575. Local Restrictions Support Grants

The Additional Restrictions Grant was announced on 31 October 2020. The report outlined how Brentwood Borough Council would locally administer this discretionary scheme, aimed at businesses that have been adversely impacted by the national and Local Covid Alert Level (LCAL) restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

The committee was asked to delegate authority to the council's Director of Corporate Resources to finalise and implement the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme and supporting discretionary funds as outlined in the policy.

Members were in support of this and after a full discussion, Cllr Hossack **MOVED** and Cllr Parker **SECONDED** the recommendations in the report. A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that:

Members were asked to:

R1 Approve the Additional Restrictions Grants (ARG) Scheme attached as Appendix A of the report.

R2 The committee delegates authority to the Director of Corporate Resources (Section 151 Officer), in consultation with the Leader, to administer the Additional Restrictions Grants and is authorised to make technical scheme amendments in line with Government guidance.

Reason for recommendation

To allow the Council to have an Additional Restriction Grant scheme in place in order to process and administer Grants as quickly as possible to businesses who qualify during COVID-19.

576. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.27pm.
